

Senate Resolution No. 7

Introduced by Senator Ackerman

Relative to the Bowl Championship Series.

WHEREAS, The Bowl Championship Series (BCS) was created to provide a national championship game featuring the top two college football teams in the country; and

WHEREAS, For the second year in a row, and for three out of its last four years, the BCS has failed to produce a consensus national championship game; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, the University of Southern California, champion of the Pacific-10 Conference, was denied its chance to play in the national championship game because the BCS awarded its spot to a team that did not even win the championship of its own conference; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, the University of Oregon, champion of the Pacific-10 Conference, was denied its chance to play for the national championship because the BCS awarded its spot to a team that did not even win the championship of its conference; and

WHEREAS, The BCS also determines which teams play in the other three major bowl games each season; and

WHEREAS, The only loss of the University of California, Berkeley (Cal) football team during the 2004 season came on the last play of the game against the Number One ranked team in the nation; and

WHEREAS, The California Golden Bears are ranked ahead of the Texas Longhorns in both the Associated Press poll and the ESPN/USA Today coaches' poll; and

WHEREAS, The Cal Bears have inexplicably been leapfrogged by the Texas Longhorns in the BCS ratings, and have been denied their opportunity to play in the 2005 Rose Bowl; and

WHEREAS, This lost opportunity will cost Cal and the Pacific-10 Conference around \$4,500,000 that they otherwise would have received had Cal been chosen to play in the Rose Bowl; and

WHEREAS, Any system of ranking teams that purports to be unbiased, but which is influenced by whining, complaining, spinning, politicking, and campaigning, should be abolished; and

WHEREAS, As a result, the Cal Bears, the undisputed Number Four team in the country, have been cheated out of \$4,500,000 and the opportunity to showcase their talents in the 2005 Rose Bowl, and have been the victims of a system that claims to be unbiased yet clearly is influenced by factors other than wins and losses and strength of schedule; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, That the Senate calls for the abolition of the Bowl Championship Series.

Senate Resolution No. 7 read and adopted by the Senate January 27, 2005.

Attest: _____
Secretary of the Senate